Appl. No. 10/073,110

Reply to Office action f October 16, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This letter is filed in response to the Office action of October 16, 2003. It is filed contemporaneously with a Petition for a three month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, with fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a) extending the date for response to April 16, 2004.

It is also contemporaneously filed with a Request for Continued Examination transmittal under 37 CFR 1.114 with the fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(e).

The Applicant requests entry of the following preliminary amendment of this continued application.

Listing of the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.